

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for preparing a graphite nanofiber, which comprises a supplying raw gases onto a ~~are supplied on~~ the surface of a substrate provided thereon with a catalyst layer for the growth of graphite nanofibers according to the a CVD technique, wherein the method is characterized by comprises the following steps of:

forming a the catalyst layer having a desired thickness directly onto the surface of the substrate; and then

forming, on the catalyst layer of the substrate, a graphite nanofiber whose deposited layer having a controlled overall thickness ~~is controlled~~ and which comprises a graphite nanofiber layer and a non-fibrous layer, wherein the substrate is a single layer structure and is one of a glass substrate or a silicon (Si) wafer.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 1, wherein the a catalyst present in the catalyst layer ~~for the to facilitate~~ growth of a the graphite nanofiber layer deposited on a substrate is Fe, Co or an alloy containing at least one of these metals.

3. **(Previously Presented)** The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 1, wherein the raw gas is a mixed gas comprising acetylene, carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide as a carbon-supply gas and hydrogen gas.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 3, wherein ~~the a~~ ratio of the carbon-supply gas in the mixed raw gas ranges from 10 to 80% by volume.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 1, wherein the graphite nanofiber is prepared at a temperature ranging from 350 to 650°C.

6. **(Previously Presented)** The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 1, wherein the preparation of the graphite nanofiber is carried out for 1 to 60 minutes.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The method for preparing a graphite nanofiber as set forth in claim 1, wherein the method is carried out by forming lines ~~consisting~~ comprising ~~of the foregoing~~ a catalyst metal on the ~~catalyst layer~~ ~~on~~ a substrate ~~on~~ which ~~any~~ graphite nanofiber ~~cannot~~ be formed and then selectively forming graphite nanofibers nanofiber layers only on the catalyst metal lines ~~thus formed~~ according to the CVD method.

8. **(Cancelled).**

9. **(Withdrawn)** An emitter, which comprises a carbon film provided on the surface of an electrode substrate or a patterned portion on the surface of a patterned electrode substrate, wherein the carbon film is one comprising the graphite nanofiber prepared according to the method as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 8.

10. **(Withdrawn)** A field emission display element, which comprises a cathode or an emitter prepared by providing graphite nanofibers formed according to the method as set forth in any one of claims 1 to 8 on the superficial patterned portions

of a patterned electrode substrate, and a anode, which comprises a phosphor and a transparent conductive film patterned into a desired shape and which is opposed to the graphite nanofibers and positioned at a desired distance from the nanofibers, wherein it is designed in such a manner that when applying an electric voltage between a selected specific graphite nanofiber and the transparent conductive film electrons are emitted from the specific graphite nanofiber to thus flash only a specific portion on the phosphor.